



Rotary **ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS**



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MEETING NOTES: 07/17/2024

Call to Order: President Carolyn, Pledge/Patriotic Song selected by David B., "National Anthem"

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Duff J., guest speaker; Cheryl L.; Gary and Rick H.; Sue G.; Dennis; and Paula K (guests of Eddie F); Edie S.; several residents of Rossmoor interested in our guest speaker.

Thought for the Day: President Carolyn spoke about the theme of the Rotary International President, Stephanie Urick which is: "The Magic of Rotary." Carolyn plan is to introduce "pizazz" into our club's activities. She has lots of plans in the fire to get our members to participate in worthwhile causes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Most put off until next week because of extra time needed by guest speaker. **Carolyn did say that the scheduled Rotary club participation at the Friday "farmer's markets" has been cancelled.**

TGIF event is scheduled for Friday, July 26, 2024, from 4-7, in the "Club" Room at Creekside. There will be expressions of sentiments for the loss of Mitzi Bray, and the opportunity for friendly interactions with members along with food (snacks) and drink. Since this event will be at Creekside, beer and wine for purchase will be setup. Those preferring spirits will have to purchase them in the bar.

Raffle: Ruth R.-lunch. Elliot B.- choice of yogurt or Starbuck's

PROGRAM

Duffy J., former journalist for the *SF Chronicle*, and publicist for the SF Giants amongst many other career achievements, talked about the lived experiences of many of us in attendance who grew up in San Francisco, or moved there, during the 60's and 70's. Duffy was a lead journalist, working in an always "frenetic," Chronicle newsroom, covering the Zodiac and Zebra murders; the murders of George Moscone and Harvey Milk, the trial of Dan White, the SLA, the kidnapping of Patty Hearst, the ascension of Diane Feinstein; interviewing survivors of the Jonestown murders; the attempted assassination of President Gerald Ford; the Chowchilla kidnappings; the actions of the Black Panthers.

From someone who wanted to be a police reporter, and who's first byline was the first draft for the Viet Nam War, Duffy's work during these "dark days" in California, is a far cry from how we now get our news. These were days when good, honest journalism mattered to those of us who held the *SF Chronicle* in our hands.

His books about his work, "Reporter's Notebook: A San Francisco Chronicle Journalist's Diary of the Shocking Seventies," and "My Inside Story of the Night Stalker, City Hall Murders, Zebra Killings, Chinatown Gang Wars," and a "City Under Siege," are available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 24	Melissa Allen – RotoCare Medical Services
July 31	Diversity Panel
Aug 7	Kevin Wilk – Climbing Mt. Everest

PHOTOS





